

About the Code Compliance Division

The Code Compliance Division of the Environmental Services Department safeguards the safety, health and welfare of our citizens by enforcing anti-blight and public nuisance laws.

Code Compliance Inspectors patrol neighborhoods for violations, conduct sweeps, and respond to complaints from the public.

You may report suspected code violations, from prohibited sales to overgrown weeds to junk vehicles, by calling the division at (915) 599-6290.



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environmental_services/code.asp](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental_services/code.asp)

Did You Know?

- The El Paso Municipal Code is available online at <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/virtual.asp>.
- Some of the most common code violations are: overgrown vegetation, such as tall weeds; illegal dumping; and prohibited signs, such as garage sale signs, within a public right-of-way.
- The Code Compliance Division offers weekend enforcement.
- The City can clean properties after the required legal notification is made to the owner. Clean up costs are passed on to the property owner.
- Code Enforcement Inspectors are available to meet with organizations, such as neighborhood associations, to review and explain code requirements. To schedule a presentation call (915) 599-6290.

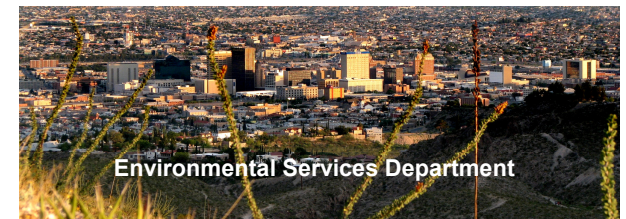
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STAY UP TO CODE

Rat Control: Good
sanitary practices are
needed to keep
rats away.



Code Enforcement: Rat Control

How to Protect Yourself and Your Property

Rat Control is impossible without good environmental sanitation practices.

Keep Food Stored Properly

Exposed foods, water, rubbish and litter provide ample food supplies and harborage for rats. Pet food and water bowls should be removed from backyards at night. Another food source is fruit and nuts left on the ground. Accumulation of lumber and other building material should be stored on racks, and never be stored directly on the ground.



Plug It Up

Rats are known to make their way into yards by using electrical wires then climbing down tree branches and limbs to get to food and water sources. Rats are also known to harbor inside holes of rocks walls and thick vines growing against rock walls and fences.



Rats can get into your home from the outside through holes and openings.

Keep Your Property Clean

Enclosed littered areas attract rats. Areas that are allowed to become dark and cluttered offer excellent nesting locations.

Call the Exterminator

When the exterminator arrives, ask to check his/her license to verify certification as a licensed professional. If you have children or pets, notify the exterminator before your house is baited.



Rat poison should be placed where pets and children can't reach them. After the exterminator leaves, check for new rat droppings. If new droppings appear and the bait is untouched, you may need to contact the exterminator again.

Traps and Poison

Pesticides, wood traps and/or glue

traps are helpful. However, improper handling can pose risks to people. Be sure to follow instructions when handling these materials.



Keep Trash Bin Lids Closed

Bag your trash and then be sure to close the lid on your trash bin after you place the trash inside the bin. Trash bins should be cleaned regularly with soap and water.

Know Your Enemy

Rats need three things to survive: food, water, and shelter. They adapt quickly and are able to climb anywhere, jump surprisingly high and squeeze through tiny openings. Rats can spread disease by their droppings, urine and saliva. They carry disease-causing pest like lice, fleas and mites. To control



the rat population, we must cut off their access to food, water and shelter.